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SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR SHAPP TO VISIT PRC

1. FIDELITY BANK HONG KONG REP SANKARSHAN PRASAD HAS INFORMED CONGEN THAT GOVERNOR AND MRS. MILTON SHAPP OF PENNSYLVANIA AND EIGHT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WILL MAKE PRIVATE VISIT TO PRC IN FEBRUARY. GROUP SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 6 ENTERING PRC ON FEBRUARY 8 AND EXITING CANTON FOR HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 28.
 2. CONGEN HAS HAD NO PRIOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS VISIT AND PRASAD HAD NO DETAILS ABOUT VISA CLEARANCES, PRC TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS NOR ITINERARY. HOWEVER, A CONGENOFF SOME MONTHS AGO WAS TOLD BY PENNSYLVANIA STATE PROFESSOR PARRIS CHANG THAT HE AND GROUP OF UNIVERSITY COLLEAGUES WERE ORGANIZING A PRIVATE GROUP VISIT TO CHINA THAT MIGHT INCLUDE GOVERNOR SHAPP, WHO HAS EX-OFFICIO POSITION WITH PENN STATE. CHANG MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THAT CHINESE APPROVAL FOR PENN STATE VISIT HAD BEEN SECURED. BECAUSE CHANG HAS VISITED PRC PREVIOUSLY AND IS WELL AWARE OF
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PROCEDURES, WE ASSUME PRC ENTRY AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN ASSURED.

3. PRASAD, WHO RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM FIDELITY BANK HOME OFFICE TO FACILITATE GOVERNOR SHAPP'S TRIP, SAID GOVERNOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIVATE NATURE OF VISIT, IS NOT SEEKING PUBLICITY. PRASAD HAS REQUESTED CONGEN BRIEFING AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR GOVERNOR WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE.
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